

**ATTACHMENT 9**  
**PAST PERFORMANCE**

*For the “AttachmentName” in the naming convention of BMS, use “PERFORM” for this attachment.*

*Summarize, in no more than two pages using a minimum 10-point type font (excluding supporting attachments), the performance of the applicant over the past five years in doing work comparable to the proposal. Provide copies of letters, e-mails, evaluations, etc., as supporting documentation. Discuss past performance on previous DWR grants or grants from other State or federal agencies. Provide copies of any past performance evaluations, such as DWR LGA grant performance evaluations. Provide specific examples of how tasks were completed within the time allotted and within the budget provided. If the applicant has no previous experience with grant programs, provide relevant examples of successful projects completed with a fixed budget and time frame. If awarded a grant, the LGA contract agreement will be with the applicant, so past performance must be for projects (with work plans, budgets, and schedules) performed by the agency submitting the application and not a consultant or partnering agency.*

*If a past LGA grant from DWR has been received but not yet completed, provide assurances that the grantee is in compliance with the terms of the grant agreement, including up-to-date progress reports. DWR staff may verify this information internally.*

ACWD has many years of experience with DWR grants and other grant programs. In addition, ACWD has considerable experience with monitoring well construction projects and has completed many projects since 1997. ACWD's staff is confident in its ability to effectively manage the project and the grant funds. To demonstrate ACWD's experience in managing grant and monitoring well construction projects, the following examples are provided:

**DWR Local Groundwater Management Assistance Grant (Fiscal Year 2007-2008)**

ACWD was awarded a grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the "Inland Saltwater Intrusion Monitoring Wells Project" to install seven monitoring wells at six locations in the central portion of ACWD's service area. Due to the economic conditions, ACWD received several competitive bids below its estimated costs. Subsequently, ACWD requested four additional monitoring wells and one additional drilling site. The agreement was finalized on November 14, 2008 and field operations were conducted between January 12, 2009 and June 9, 2009.

The original schedule for the project was 24 months with approximately 7 months of field operations scheduled. Due to delays in the approval of the agreement between DWR and ACWD, an expansion of the scope of work, and obtaining access approval for the additional wells, field operations began 2 months later than scheduled. However, a revised schedule was submitted and approved by DWR. Even with the delayed start of the project, expanded scope of work, and equipment downtime, field operations were completed two weeks ahead of the revised schedule. The final report for the project was submitted 2 weeks ahead of the scheduled completion date.

The total cost of the project increased from \$383,700.00 to \$491,914.36 due to the additional ACWD labor costs associated with increasing the scope of work from 7 to 11 wells. However, DWR's grant funding remained unchanged at \$250,000 and ACWD was responsible for all remaining cost above this grant amount.

An email was received from DWR on April 28, 2010 and states that "This project met and in some cases, in relation to the budget, schedule and scope, exceeded project expectations in a positive manner." A copy of the email is attached as "**Att9\_LGA12\_ACWD\_PERFORM\_2of4**". A final letter of acceptance and performance evaluation for this project was never received by ACWD and could not be located by DWR staff (per June 28, 2012 telephone conversation).

**DWR Local Groundwater Management Assistance Grant (Fiscal Year 2004-2005)**

ACWD was awarded a grant in the amount of \$249,943 for the "Southwest Niles Cone Monitoring Wells Project" to install eight monitoring wells in two locations. The agreement was finalized on August 18, 2005 and field operations were conducted between September 2006 and January 2007. The field work was delayed an entire year due to a wet winter, the resulting impassable levee roads, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife permit requirements which only allowed drilling September through January due to the nesting season of endangered species. However, DWR was kept informed of changes to the schedule and a final report was submitted to DWR on April 13, 2007, prior to the

agreement's deadline of May 15, 2007. The total cost of the project was \$382,654.30 which was \$37,213.30 over the original budget due to higher unit costs for well drilling and the additional time required for the project. However, all additional costs were covered by ACWD. A final letter of acceptance was received from DWR on May 17, 2007, and the grantee performance evaluation documents that ACWD completed all work within the terms of the agreement and fulfilled all requirements of the agreement. A copy of the letter and performance evaluation is attached as "**Att9\_LGA12\_ACWD\_PERFORM\_3of4**".

#### **DWR Local Groundwater Management Assistance Grant (Fiscal Year 2003-2004)**

ACWD was awarded its first grant in the amount of \$249,900 for the "Northwest Niles Cone Monitoring Wells Project" to install eight monitoring wells in four locations. The agreement with DWR was finalized on November 9, 2004 and field operations were conducted between November 2004 and January 2006. Early rainfall, associated safety issues involved in conducting field operations on levees, major well location changes due to changes in wetland restoration plans, and California Department of Fish and Game permit requirements which only allowed drilling September through January due to the nesting season of endangered species, extended the planned completion of the project past its proposed initial schedule. However, DWR was kept informed of changes to the schedule and a final report was submitted to DWR on April 12, 2006, prior to the agreement's deadline of May 1, 2006. The total cost of the project was \$486,751.99 which was \$183,733.99 over the original budget due to higher unit costs for well drilling, limitations on the use of levee roads, disposal of soil, and the additional season required for the project which also required a lengthy re-bidding process. However, all additional costs were covered by ACWD. A final letter of acceptance was received from DWR on April 24, 2006, and the grantee performance evaluation documents that ACWD completed all work within the terms of the agreement and fulfilled all requirements of the agreement. A copy of the letter and performance evaluation is attached as "**Att9\_LGA12\_ACWD\_PERFORM\_4of4**".

#### **United States Environmental Protection Agency Local Government Groundwater Protection Funds**

ACWD was awarded two grants from the USEPA in the amounts of \$75,000 on July 22, 2005 and \$50,000 on July 2, 2009. The first grant project resulted in the reconciliation and updating of the existing EPA Underground Injection Control inventory list and mapped 1,618 abandoned water wells within a 24 square mile area. This resulted in nearly double the proposed area and number of wells in the grant proposal. The entire grant amount of \$75,000 was received by ACWD after submitting the final report on the contract's due date of January 31, 2008.

The second grant project resulted in the reconciliation and updating of the existing EPA Underground Injection Control inventory list and mapped 1,661 abandoned water wells within a 96 square mile area. This resulted in nearly four times the proposed area and eight times the number of wells in the grant proposal. The entire grant amount of \$50,000 was received by ACWD after submitting the final report a day before the contract's due date of July 31, 2010. Final letters of acceptance and performance evaluations were not provided by the USEPA.